



UMS vice chancellor Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon (second left) exchanging the MoU documents with UGM representative Professor Ir Toni Atyanto Dharoko, witnessed by Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X (centre), Indonesian Consulate for Sabah, Consul General Soepeno Sahid (left) and Assistant Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Bolkiah Ismail.

UMS to benefit from cooperation with Indonesian university

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KOTA KINABALU: The newly established cooperation between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Yogyakarta Indonesia will bring about mutual benefits for both parties.

UMS vice chancellor Datuk Seri Panglima Professor Dr Kamaruzaman Ampon said that the cooperation was very significant in achieving success as well as overcoming the critical challenges brought about by the modern globalization.

He said that UMS together with UGM will continue to strengthen and monitor the performance of their students as well as share information among each other.

UMS and UGM yesterday

signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

"Through this MoU, various programmes including student exchange will be implemented and we will also be sending students from the UMS School of Psychology and Social Works to do their practical in Yogyakarta.

"We, at UMS also hope UGM will also consider sending their students here for the same purpose," he said at the MoU signing ceremony which was held in conjunction with the visit of Yogyakarta's Governor, Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X to Sabah.

According to Kamaruzaman, the cooperation sealed also encompasses activities between the lecturers of both universities through

publications, symposiums and conference among others.

Meanwhile, Hamengku when met by the media was confident that the cooperation between UMS and UGM will produce more quality human capital which is in line with the needs of globalization.

"The product of the two universities will give us, the edge to compete on a global playing field. If we depend too much on foreign products, we will not be able to compete at a global level," he pointed out.

He also said that the bilateral cooperation between Indonesia and Sabah will boost development in both regions, especially in the aspect of education which in turn will benefit their citizens.